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Peter KAMMERSTÄTTER, provincial secretary of the Communist Party of Austria in LINZ and member of the Central Committee of the Party, stated that, in the elections of 9 October 1949, the number of votes polled by the Communist Party of Austria was less in many communities in Upper Austria (particularly in the Muehlviertel) than the number of members of the Party. It is important, he said, that the repeatedly discussed purge of the Party be carried out. This was also the opinion of Friedl FUERNBERG, secretary general of the Communist Party of Austria, when he last visited LINZ. KAMMERSTÄTTER added that there was enough opportunity during the election contest to watch the activity of party members. They will now categorically be reminded of Article 2 of the party program by which each party member is required to be active in party work. There is no longer any place in the Communist Party of Austria for pseudocomrades.

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